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ANNUAL REPORT

of the



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

**THE CHIEF
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

for the year

1962



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September, 1963.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Wigton Rural District Council:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Report on the health of the district for the year 1962.

Thanks are again due to Dr.D.G.Davies, Consultant Bacteriologist for much useful advice. He and the members of his department have been unfailingly helpful and have dealt with an increasing volume of work from this area.

It is also a pleasure to acknowledge again the good work of Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Partington. Mrs. Hammond's hard work, helpfulness and capability are invaluable to us all.

Lastly I would like to thank the Council for their interest in public health matters and for their support during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H.C.T.SMITH.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

| | |
|--|----------|
| Area of District in acres..... | 138,620 |
| Registrar-General's estimate of Resident Population..... | 21,670 |
| Population at Census of 1931..... | 22,058 |
| do. 1951..... | 23,733 |
| do. 1961..... | 21,868 |
| Number of Inhabited Houses (end 1961 according to rate books). | 7,206 |
| Rateable Value..... | £186,019 |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate..... | £698 |

EMPLOYMENT

The recently published figures of the 1961 census show a decline in the population of Wigton Rural District of 2,000. To some extent this is due to the closing of the three aerodromes but further analysis shows that each individual parish with the exception of Wigton and Holme Abbey have suffered a decline in numbers. At Wigton British Rayophane and Redmaynes have expanded and as well as increasing their staffs have drawn more people into the district. Even at Wigton however the unemployment rate in 1962 did not fall below two per cent and in the worst month was three-and-a-half per cent.

The situation in Silloth and Aspatria was much worse. At Silloth the closing of Fisons was partly responsible and in both areas the local industries did not have a good year. Both these areas have employment affinities with West Cumberland and this area had unemployment rates of between four and eight per cent. At Silloth considerable effort is being made to attract industry and sites are available on the aerodrome but so far only one small enterprise has started.

VITAL STATISTICS

I. Births and maternal and infant mortality

| Live Births | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
|--|----------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Number..... | 198 | 184 | 382 | |
| Rate per 1000 population..... | | | | 17.63 |
| Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)..... | | | | 5.24 |
| Stillbirths | | | | |
| Number..... | 4 | 3 | 7 | |
| Rate per 1000 total live and still births..... | | | | 17.99 |
| Total Live and Still births..... | 202 | 187 | 389 | |
| Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)..... | 11 | 6 | 17 | |
| Infant Mortality Rates | | | | |
| Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births..... | | | | 44.50 |
| Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births..... | | | | 47.51 |
| Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births..... | | | | nil |
| Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1000 total live births)..... | | | | 36.65 |
| Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1000 total live births)..... | | | | 34.03 |
| Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1000 total live and still births)..... | | | | 51.41 |
| Maternal Mortality (including abortion) | | | | |
| Number of deaths..... | | nil | | |
| Rate per 1000 total live and still births..... | | | | nil |

II Deaths

The death rate was 13.9 per 1,000. This figure is high like the figure for 1961. In 1961 however the increased number of deaths could be attributable to an influenza outbreak but in 1962 no such single cause can be pinpointed.

No age group apart from the under ones and the over 75s had a particularly high mortality experience. The deaths were evenly spread throughout the year which might suggest that there were more than the expected number during the summer.

When we come to analyse the deaths by cause, again no particular pattern emerges. There were eight deaths from cancer of the lung and 51 total for cancer. Deaths from respiratory causes were not particularly prevalent in 1962. Five persons met their death accidentally and four persons committed suicide.

The largest increase was in the number dying from diseases of the heart and circulation and it would seem to be that an increased number of elderly people died during the year from a variety of causes.

Infant deaths and stillbirths

There were 17 infant deaths during 1962 giving the high infant death rate of 44.5, more than double the national average. Of these 10 occurred within 24 hours of birth and were all hospital deaths. Three more were in the first week - two in hospital - although one of these was born at home. One death occurred in hospital at two weeks. There were three further home deaths, one at six weeks, and two aged 11 months.

Fifteen of the 17 deaths occurred between the months of May and September.

There were six deaths in Wigton, four in Silloth, three in Bowness parish, two at Aspatria and one each at Allonby and Waverton.

The causes are given below :-

| Cause | 1st day | 1-7 days | 1-4 weeks | 4 weeks - 1 year |
|---|---------|----------|-----------|---------------------|
| Prematurity..... | 7 | - | - | 1 |
| Asphyxia-pneumonia- atelectasis..... | 3 | 1 | - | - |
| Congenital defects... | 1 | 2 | - | - |
| Gastro enteritis..... | - | - | - | 1 |
| Werdnig Hoffman disease..... | - | - | - | 1 |

CAUSES OF DEATH

| | | M. | F. | Total |
|-------|--|-----|-----|-------|
| 1. | Tuberculosis, respiratory..... | 2 | - | 2 |
| 2. | Tuberculosis, other..... | - | - | - |
| 3. | Syphilitic disease..... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 4. | Diphtheria..... | - | - | - |
| 5. | Whooping cough..... | - | - | - |
| 6. | Meningococcal infections..... | - | - | - |
| 7. | Acute poliomyelitis..... | - | - | - |
| 8. | Measles..... | - | - | - |
| 9. | Other infective and parasitic disease..... | - | - | - |
| 10. | Malignant neoplasm, stomach..... | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| 11. | Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus..... | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| 12. | Malignant neoplasm, breast..... | - | 2 | 2 |
| 13. | Malignant neoplasm, uterus..... | - | 2 | 2 |
| 14. | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms..... | 17 | 14 | 31 |
| 15. | Leukaemia, Aleukaemia..... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 16. | Diabetes..... | - | 1 | 1 |
| 17. | Vascular lesions of nervous system..... | 25 | 26 | 51 |
| 18. | Coronary disease, angina..... | 36 | 21 | 57 |
| 19. | Hypertension with heart disease..... | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 20. | Other heart disease..... | 16 | 39 | 55 |
| 21. | Other circulatory disease..... | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| 22. | Influenza..... | - | - | - |
| 23. | Pneumonia..... | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 24. | Bronchitis..... | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| 25. | Other diseases of respiratory system..... | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| 26. | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum..... | - | - | - |
| 27. | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea..... | 2 | - | 2 |
| 28. | Nephritis and nephrosis..... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 29. | Hyperplasia of prostate..... | - | - | - |
| 30. | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion..... | - | - | - |
| 31. | Congenital malformations..... | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 32. | Other defined and ill-defined diseases..... | 10 | 17 | 27 |
| 33. | Motor vehicle accidents..... | - | 2 | 2 |
| 34. | All other accidents..... | 3 | - | 3 |
| 35. | Suicide..... | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 36. | Homicide and operations of war..... | - | - | - |
| Total | | 145 | 157 | 302 |

IT SHOULD BE STATED THAT THERE IS A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN OUR RECORDS AND THE FIGURES GIVEN BY THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL. THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL GIVES 302 DEATHS, WHEREAS THE INDIVIDUAL RECORDS RECEIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT TOTAL 299.

AGE OF DEATH

| Age Group | Males | Females | Total |
|-------------|-------|---------|-------|
| 0- 1..... | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| 1- 4..... | 3 | - | 3 |
| 5-14..... | 2 | - | 2 |
| 15-24..... | - | - | - |
| 25-34..... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 35-44..... | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| 45-54..... | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| 55-64..... | 30 | 15 | 45 |
| 65-74..... | 37 | 28 | 65 |
| 75-84..... | 45 | 65 | 110 |
| 85-94..... | 8 | 29 | 37 |
| 95 + | - | - | - |
| Totals..... | 145 | 154 | 299 |

MONTH OF DEATH

| Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Total |
|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 40 | 23 | 27 | 17 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 24 | 21 | 15 | 28 | 299 |

| | Death Rate | Birth Rate | Illeg. Birth Rate | Stillbirth Rate | Infantile Mortality Rate | Neo-natal Mortality Rate | Perinatal Mortality Rate |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| England and Wales..... | 11.9 | 18.0 | 6.6 | 18.1 | 21.4 | 15.1 | 30.8 |
| Admin. County of Cumberland.. | 12.2 | 18.3 | 4.6 | 18.7 | 26.4 | 20.3 | 35.8 |
| Urban Districts of Cumberland | 12.3 | 18.3 | 4.8 | 17.7 | 20.4 | - | - |
| Rural Districts of Cumberland | 12.1 | 18.3 | 4.4 | 19.5 | 30.6 | - | - |
| Wigton Rural District. | 13.9 | 17.6 | 5.2 | 18.0 | 44.5 | 36.7 | 51.4 |

| Year | Population | Death Rate | Birth Rate | Illeg. Birth Rate | Stillbirth Rate | Infantile Mortality Rate | Neo-natal Mortality Rate | Perinatal Mortality Rate |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1951 | 23,760 | 13.5 | 16.9 | 4.5 | 29.0 | 37.3 | 29.8 | 50.7 |
| 1952 | 23,510 | 11.9 | 18.6 | 3.4 | 22.4 | 22.8 | 16.0 | 33.6 |
| 1953 | 23,410 | 12.9 | 17.6 | 3.4 | 19.0 | 21.8 | 19.4 | 35.4 |
| 1954 | 23,510 | 11.4 | 16.6 | 3.1 | 22.6 | 38.5 | 30.7 | 47.6 |
| 1955 | 23,450 | 12.0 | 18.0 | 3.1 | 25.4 | 23.7 | 18.9 | 43.9 |
| 1956 | 23,420 | 12.5 | 15.5 | 3.3 | 24.2 | 30.3 | 19.3 | 40.3 |
| 1957 | 23,290 | 11.9 | 17.4 | 3.6 | 18.7 | 30.9 | 21.4 | 37.3 |
| 1958 | 22,540 | 11.5 | 17.6 | 3.3 | 19.7 | 20.1 | 17.6 | 29.6 |
| 1959 | 22,470 | 12.2 | 18.0 | 3.2 | 21.8 | 27.2 | 22.3 | 43.6 |
| 1960 | 22,520 | 12.7 | 15.7 | 3.7 | 38.2 | 5.7 | 2.8 | 40.9 |
| 1951- 1960 | | 12.3 | 17.3 | 3.5 | 23.6 | 25.7 | 19.9 | 39.5 |
| 1961 | 21,920 | 14.2 | 16.7 | 4.6 | 21.3 | 32.7 | 32.7 | 50.7 |
| 1962 | 21,670 | 13.9 | 17.6 | 5.2 | 18.0 | 44.5 | 36.7 | 51.4 |

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases notified (other than tuberculosis) during the year :-

| Disease | 0-1 | 1-5 | 5-15 | 15-25 | 25 & over | Total | Deaths |
|--|-----|-----|------|-------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Scarlet Fever..... | - | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | 6 | - |
| Whooping Cough..... | 1 | 12 | 5 | - | - | 18 | - |
| Measles..... | 2 | 44 | 85 | 2 | - | 133 | - |
| Acute poliomyelitis (P).. do. (NP). | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Diphtheria..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Smallpox..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Meningococcal infection.. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Acute encephalitis (I).. do. (PI). | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dysentery..... | 2 | 6 | 20 | - | 11 | 39 | - |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum.... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Acute pneumonia..... | - | 1 | 1 | - | 18 | 20 | 4 |
| Para-typhoid fever..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Enteric or typhoid fever. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Food poisoning..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Erysipelas..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Malaria..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus. There were two minor outbreaks of whooping cough, one at Silloth in the early part of the year and the other in the Aikton area in the autumn.

Immunisation against these three diseases is combined in infancy which greatly reduces the number of injections required. During the year 257 infants were given combined antigen. Booster doses against diphtheria and tetanus are given to school entrants and again at age 9-10, and primary immunisation against both diseases is given at school.

Measles started up in the late summer and from October to December some 150 cases were notified.

Dysentery. The mild form of this disease caused by *Shigella sonnei* again proved awkward. It was prevalent in Aspatria late 1961 and in January 1962 there was a sharp outbreak in Westnewton centred on the village school. More than half of the children and one teacher were affected. In a farming community the organism could spread in the milk supply and precautions were taken to prevent this from happening.

In March an outbreak of this disease occurred in Silloth and special precautions were taken with food handlers.

Paratyphoid. An unusual case of this disease occurred in an elderly lady from Abbeytown. It is thought that either this lady or her husband had been a carrier for a number of years and that when all the members of the family had *sonne* dysentery the bacillus became re-activated. The lady was in the Cumberland Infirmary from April till July and her illness was complicated with gall bladder trouble. Unfortunately she continued to excrete the bacillus for some time after leaving hospital. Her husband also excreted the bacillus but this cleared after treatment.

Influenza. 1962 was not a bad year for influenza. In January this office was notified by the Ministry of National Insurance that the number of persons off work was over 300 per cent of the summer average. This outbreak was comparatively mild and believed to be due to Influenza virus B.

During 1962 deaths from respiratory disease were at a low level.

Smallpox became a national problem in early 1962 and there were five separate importations of the disease from Pakistan where an epidemic occurred. There was some local spread in Bradford and South Wales but after diagnosis was made control measures were effective. There were no actual contacts in this area but a number of people sought advice about travel.

Three hundred and fifty-three vaccinations were recorded in the district, of which 203 were in infants under one year.

Poliomyelitis. A baby from Aspatria was admitted to the Cumberland Infirmary in May with a febrile illness plus meningism. Type 3 polio virus was isolated from the faeces. This child had not had oral poliomyelitis vaccine but of course live virus from vaccines is widely disseminated in the community.

During 1962 oral vaccine came into use and this greatly simplified the immunisation procedure. The table below indicates the number in each group who are satisfactorily immunised.

| Year of Birth | Had 2 Immunisations | Had 3 Immunisations | Had 4 Immunisations | Total |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| 1962 | 6 | 22 | | 28 |
| 1961 | 56 | 165 | | 221 |
| 1960 | 60 | 202 | 1 | 263 |
| 1959 | 51 | 243 | 3 | 297 |
| 1958 | 30 | 297 | 11 | 338 |
| 1957 | 49 | 261 | 52 | 362 |
| 1956 | 14 | 101 | 213 | 328 |
| 1955 | 43 | 88 | 215 | 346 |
| 1954 | 23 | 74 | 224 | 321 |
| 1953 | 7 | 93 | 245 | 345 |
| 1952 | 15 | 68 | 266 | 349 |
| 1951 | 4 | 56 | 293 | 353 |
| 1950 | 13 | 57 | 308 | 378 |
| 1949 | 7 | 234 | 109 | 350 |
| 1948 | 10 | 346 | - | 356 |
| 1947 | 15 | 409 | - | 424 |
| 1946 | 15 | 217 | - | 232 |
| 1945 | 15 | 297 | - | 312 |
| 1944 | 8 | 303 | - | 311 |
| 1943 | 12 | 285 | - | 297 |
| 1933-1942 | 267 | 1580 | 1 | 1848 |
| 1932 under 40 | 146 | 952 | - | 1098 |
| Others | 9 | 258 | - | 267 |
| Totals | 875 | 6608 | 1941 | 9424 |

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table gives particulars of cases notified and of the deaths during 1962.

| Age Group | New cases | | | | Deaths | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------|----|-----------------|----|
| | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| 0- 1..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1- 5..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5-15..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15-25..... | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25-35..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35-45..... | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 45-55..... | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55-65..... | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 65 & upwards... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Totals..... | 3 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |

In addition to the five new cases there were two cases added to the register as inward transfers from another area. Twentyeight cases recovered and one died.

The following table gives the number of cases on the Tuberculosis register at the end of 1962 :-

| | Males | Females | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Pulmonary..... | 67 | 48 | 115 |
| Non-Pulmonary..... | 6 | 12 | 18 |
| All forms of Tuberculosis..... | 73 | 60 | 133 |

New cases recorded during the past ten years are shown in the following table :-

| Year | New cases | |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Respiratory | Non-respiratory |
| 1953..... | 19 | 4 |
| 1954..... | 14 | 1 |
| 1955..... | 19 | 2 |
| 1956..... | 20 | 1 |
| 1957..... | 11 | 4 |
| 1958..... | 4 | 2 |
| 1959..... | 10 | 3 |
| 1960..... | 5 | 1 |
| 1961..... | 5 | 1 |
| 1962..... | 4 | 1 |

The decline in tuberculosis is due to many factors, the most important being modern drug therapy. Early diagnosis is also very important and the visit of the mass x-ray unit to the district is an important event. The largest reservoir of undetected tuberculosis is in middle aged and elderly men and this group, particularly those with a cough, have a great deal to gain and nothing to lose by attending annually when the unit is in their district.

Last year the unit visited Silloth in April when 608 were x-rayed and in December at Wigton and Aspatria 1,813 were seen.

B.C.G. Vaccination

| Year | No. tested | No. positive | Percentage |
|------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1957 | 283 | 69 | 24.4 |
| 1958 | 288 | 52 | 18.1 |
| 1959 | 278 | 39 | 14.0 |
| 1960 | 231 | 20 | 8.7 |
| 1961 | 274 | 28 | 10.2 |
| 1962 | 245 | 28 | 11.4 |

BRITISH RAYOPHANE LIMITED

There has been no material change here since 1961. Contact has been maintained with the Alkali Inspector and with the management of the firm. A new chimney will shortly be constructed and this should make a considerable difference as far as the town is concerned.

WATER

The schedule of parish water supplies has been kindly supplied by Mr. Clapham, the Clerk of the West Cumberland Water Board.

| Parish | Dwelling Houses Existing | Population Estimated | Dwelling Houses Existing Supplied | Population Supplied |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Aikton..... | 132 | 394 | 130 | 389 |
| Allhallows..... | 212 | 634 | 212 | 634 |
| Allonby..... | 203 | 607 | 203 | 607 |
| Aspatria..... | 1,000 | 2,989 | 995 | 2,974 |
| Blennerhasset..... | 165 | 493 | 161 | 481 |
| Boltons..... | 184 | 550 | 170 | 508 |
| Bowness..... | 437 | 1,306 | 435 | 1,300 |
| Bromfield..... | 185 | 553 | 174 | 520 |
| Caldbeck..... | 250 | 747 | 165 | 493 |
| Dundraw..... | 49 | 146 | 48 | 143 |
| Hayton..... | 72 | 215 | 72 | 215 |
| Holme Abbey..... | 261 | 780 | 259 | 774 |
| Holme East Waver.... | 92 | 275 | 91 | 272 |
| Holme Low..... | 105 | 314 | 105 | 314 |
| Holme St. Cuthbert.. | 146 | 436 | 145 | 433 |
| Ireby..... | 164 | 491 | 123 | 368 |
| Kirkbampton..... | 98 | 293 | 92 | 275 |
| Kirkbride..... | 145 | 433 | 145 | 433 |
| Sebergham..... | 121 | 362 | 104 | 311 |
| Silloth..... | 944 | 2,822 | 944 | 2,822 |
| Thursby..... | 258 | 771 | 257 | 768 |
| Waverton..... | 107 | 320 | 101 | 302 |
| Westnewton..... | 74 | 221 | 74 | 221 |
| Westward..... | 230 | 687 | 202 | 604 |
| Wigton..... | 1,430 | 4,275 | 1,430 | 4,275 |
| Woodside..... | 186 | 556 | 183 | 547 |
| Total..... | 7,250 | 21,670 | 7,020 | 20,983 |

During the year 70 samples were taken by the Water Board and by the Health Department. Twelve samples from various parts of the district were taken of the main supply from Chapelhouse reservoir and these were all excellent.

Five samples of the Ireby supply and four of the Routengill supply to Sebergham parish were also classified as excellent.

Thus 93 per cent of the dwellings in the district have an adequate supply of good quality.

The other supplies, details of which are given in the 1961 report, produced for the most part unsatisfactory samples and this water as well as being of poor quality is insufficient in quantity.

Some 230 dwellings have no public supply and sampling indicates that most of the private supplies are heavily polluted.

Most of the above mentioned difficulties will be put right when the scheme for the parishes of Ireby and Caldbeck is put into operation.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

I am indebted to Mr.W.H.D.Summers, Engineer & Surveyor, for the following report :-

"The 1960 Report gave a list of villages which, in addition to the towns of Wigton, Aspatria and Silloth, have adequate sewerage systems. Unfortunately the disposal systems in six cases are not as satisfactory as the sewerage systems. Of the places in the list, the following have satisfactory sewage treatment works :-

| | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Wigton | Oulton |
| Kirkbride | Abbeytown |
| Kirkbampton | Westnewton |
| Littlebampton | Bolton-low-houses |
| Ireby | Blennerhasset |
| Hayton | Torpenhow |
| Uldale | |

Schemes for extending the disposal works at Thursby and Aspatria are about to start. A scheme for improvements at Fletchertown works is being prepared.

At Silloth, Allonby, Bowness and Port Carlisle crude sewage is discharged into the sea above low water mark. This is deplorable because the beaches are used for recreation by so many people, but to extend the outfall pipes to below low water mark would be very expensive. It is, however, a long term project which the Council ought to keep in mind.

At Glasson and Drumburgh crude sewage is discharged into the estuary above low water mark. This is not nearly so objectionable as at the other places because the sewage is first cut up fine in comminutors, and holiday makers do not gather at these places.

Of the 1960 list of villages and hamlets without adequate sewerage systems, a scheme for sewers and disposal works has been prepared for Oughterby but advertising for tenders is held up pending a decision on the question of charging for admitting farm effluent into the sewers. A start had been made on a scheme for Waverton, but work had to be suspended in favour of the schemes higher on the priority list.

HOUSING

Partial Dependency Dwellings

The 20 bungalows at Western Bank with warden's scheme were occupied towards the end of the year. Since this scheme is an expensive one - the extra capital cost per bungalow being in the region of £300 - it is essential to choose persons in need of such facilities. At the same time it is necessary not to select persons whose needs would be more appropriately served by Part III accommodation or those who are not going to live long enough to enjoy the benefit of moving.

In the event, the selection was made from elderly and disabled persons who were applicants for bungalows. In Wigton many elderly people are occupying substandard property and action was taken against the property which 10 of the old people left. Another five were moved from existing Council houses which were then available for families. One couple had been in Highfield House for 10 years.

Mrs. M. Wilson was appointed warden and she and her husband and daughter occupy the warden's house. Mrs. Wilson visits most of the old people daily. The emergency bell system has only been used once or twice but it is a great comfort to many of those living alone to know that help can be summoned. The common room has been very attractively furnished but had little use until a television set was installed.

Old persons are slow to adapt themselves to new surroundings. Most of them moved in at the start of a very severe winter and nearly every one had trouble with the livingroom fire which smoked badly. The housing association eventually corrected this fault by putting in an additional ventilator. In spite of these troubles most of the people settled down well and like their new surroundings. Mrs. Wilson has proved herself to be a capable and understanding warden and the whole scheme seems to be working well. I pay a visit at least once per fortnight and see any of the old people at their own or Mrs. Wilson's request.

SLUM CLEARANCE

The year 1962 was not a good one for slum clearance. The sole limiting factor is the provision of Council houses for those displaced. It is unfortunate that the largest problem exists in Wigton where also the waiting list is highest. However the Council have arranged to build 105 houses at Wigton and have agreed that half of them should be for slum clearance. A start was made in 1962 in defining clearance areas and probably some 40 houses in the centre of Wigton can be dealt with in this way.

This would increase the amount of derelict land in the centre of the town and it is hoped that the Council will give a lead in solving the problem of redevelopment.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health:

| | Number on Register | Inspec- tions | Number of Written Notices | Occupiers Prosecuted |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities..... | 5 | - | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority..... | 72 | 22 | 3 | - |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)..... | - | - | - | - |
| Totals..... | 77 | 22 | 3 | - |

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

| | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|---|---|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| | Found | Remedied | To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector | |
| Want of cleanliness..... | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding..... | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation.. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors..... | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences: | | | | | |
| (a) insufficient..... | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| (b) unsuitable or defective..... | 2 | 4 | - | - | - |
| (c) not separate for sexes..... | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)..... | - | - | - | - | - |
| Totals..... | 3 | 4 | - | 1 | - |

R E P O R T

on the

Work Carried Out

by the

Public Health Inspectors

During the Year

To: Dr.H.C.T.Smith,
Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

The following pages of statistics give some indication of the work undertaken during the year under the general heading of environmental hygiene. I use the expression 'some indication' because there is a considerable amount of work done which cannot adequately be shown in this form.

As always, the subject of housing in its various aspects seems to prove the greatest need of the district. The contribution of 48 new houses for Council letting purposes hardly measures up to the year's increase of 190 in the waiting list, especially when one takes into account the 31 substandard houses demolished or closed during that period.

A return submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government showed an estimated 234 unfit houses remaining to be dealt with in the area, but it will be impossible to achieve this target in the five years allotted for the purpose unless the new building rate is accelerated.

One pleasing feature is the building at Wigton of the 30 bungalows for the elderly, of which 20 are associated with a County Council establishment comprising a most comfortable common room, a guest room and a warden's residential quarters. Visitors have been generous in their appreciation of the combined scheme, likewise most of the old folks who experience the benefits daily.

I am not sure, on the grounds of cost alone, that such a scheme should be repeated in our area. The ordinary bungalows built for this Council are admirable for elderly people, but these 20 of a special type fulfil a particular need. Selection of the right type of tenant is of the utmost importance if the additional cost is to be in any way justified.

Still on the subject of bungalows, a change in Government policy affecting housing subsidies enabled the Council to resume the building of two bedroom bungalows without financial detriment. Even so I trust a balanced future programme will be sought after as I firmly believe there is a case and a need for both types.

Robt. C. Blackburn.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

| | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| Housing Act, 1957..... | | 113 |
| Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958) | | |
| House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959)..... | | 492 |
| Rent Act, 1957..... | | 1 |
| Public Health Act, 1936..... | | 275 |
| Housing defects..... | 84 | |
| Otherwise..... | 191 | |
| Water sampling..... | | 3 |
| Drains examined and/or tested..... | | 51 |
| Building Byelaws..... | | 17 |
| Housing applications..... | | 541 |
| Food and Drugs Act, 1955..... | | 737 |
| Food preparation rooms..... | 58 | |
| Distributors of milk..... | 11 | |
| Food shops..... | 43 | |
| Dairies..... | 7 | |
| Milk sampling..... | 24 | |
| Public abattoir..... | 286 | |
| Private slaughterhouses..... | 239 | |
| Knackers' Yards..... | 8 | |
| Unsound food in shops..... | 15 | |
| Licensed premises..... | 46 | |
| Factories Acts, 1937/59..... | | 22 |
| Refuse removal..... | | 66 |
| Refuse tips..... | 59 | |
| Complaints regarding service..... | 7 | |
| Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949..... | | 637 |
| Sewers..... | 49 | |
| Other than sewers..... | 588 | |
| Camping sites and moveable dwellings..... | | 45 |
| Infectious disease..... | | 37 |
| Land Charges Searches..... | | 21 |
| Clean Air Act, 1956..... | | 1 |
| Town and Country Planning Act, 1947..... | | 2 |
| Slaughterhouses Act, 1958..... | | 2 |
| Unclassified..... | | 87 |

GENERAL HOUSING STATISTICS

| | <u>1961</u> | <u>1962</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Occupied dwellings in the area..... | 7,100 | 7,206 |
| 2. Council houses built during year..... | 58 | 48 |
| 3. Private houses built during year..... | 45 | 24 |
| 4. Total number of occupied houses subject to Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or Undertakings..... | 22 | 11 |
| 5. Houses demolished or closed during year..... | 39 | 31 |
| 6. Total number of houses known to be overcrowded..... | 6 | 5 |
| 7. New cases of overcrowding recorded during year..... | 4 | 5 |
| 8. Cases of overcrowding relieved during year..... | 2 | 2 |
| 9. Families living in hutted camps adapted for post-war housing..... | 10 | 6 |
| 10. Families rehoused from hutted camps during year..... | 10 | 4 |
| 11. Total applicants for Council houses..... | 430 | 454 |
| 12. Applications for Council houses received during year.. | 180 | 190 |
| 13. Families rehoused by Council during year..... | 106 | 80 |
| 14. Houses made fit..... | 4 | 17 |
| 15. Improvement grants carried out..... | 47 | 100 |

HOUSING ACT, 1957, SECTION 2

FORM OF FURTHER SLUM CLEARANCE PROPOSALS

SUBMITTED TO THE

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

26th October, 1962.

Part I. The total problem

- (i) Estimated number of houses remaining unfit
for human habitation..... 234
- (ii) Period of years which the Council think
necessary for securing the demolition of
all houses in (i)..... 5

Part II. Action already taken

Number of houses demolished or closed since
1.1.56, including unfit houses owned by
local authorities and those in unfitness
orders..... 216

Part III. Further proposals for action
in the next five years

- (i) Number of houses to be demolished in
clearance areas..... 140
- (ii) Number of houses to be demolished
elsewhere..... 94
- (iii) Number of houses to be patched and
retained for temporary accommodation..... nil

INDIVIDUAL UNFIT DWELLINGS

Twenty houses were represented during 1962. Action regarding five houses represented during 1961 was finalised

Demolition Orders

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|---|
| * Well Rash, Boltongate..... | 1 | |
| * Hole House, Thursby..... | 1 | |
| The Barracks, Abbeytown..... | 1 | |
| Battery House, Silloth..... | 1 | |
| Greenfoot, Boltongate..... | 1 | |
| Criffel View, Gamelsby..... | <u>1</u> | 6 |

Closing Orders (Sec.17)

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|---|
| * 4, Wheatsheaf Square, Wigton..... | 1 | |
| Silver Row, Westnewton (Swales)..... | 1 | |
| Winder Cottage, Blennerhasset..... | 1 | |
| Crossrigg, Westnewton..... | 1 | |
| 5, Brewery Lane, Abbeytown..... | <u>1</u> | 5 |

Undertakings

| | | |
|---|----------|---|
| * Green View, Cardurnock..... | 1 | |
| * 16, Union Street, Wigton..... | 1 | |
| 26, West Street, Aspatria..... | 1 | |
| 51, High Street, Wigton..... | 1 | |
| Garage Cottage, Station Road, Wigton..... | <u>1</u> | 5 |

Carried forward

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|---|
| Langrigg, Aspatria..... | 1 | |
| 31 and 33, Union Street, Wigton..... | 2 | |
| Chapel House, Bowness-on-Solway..... | 1 | |
| Church View, Caldbeck..... | 1 | |
| Brough Hill, Bolton-low-houses..... | 2 | |
| West End, Oulton. | 1 | |
| Cottage at Mickethwaite..... | <u>1</u> | 9 |

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* Represented during 1961.

Closing Orders converted to Demolition Orders

73, 75 and 77, High Street, Wigton..... 3

Undertaking cancelled - house made fit

Windmill Cottage, Littlebampton..... 1

Demolition Orders revoked - houses made fit

Cottage at Warblebank, formerly occupied by Blackburn.....)
3, Warblebank, Wigton.....) 2

Closing Orders substituted for Demolition Orders
- conversion to agricultural stores

White Cottage, Biglands.....)
Tarnrigg Moor, Wigton.....) 2

Houses demolished

3, 5, 7, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 and 27, Station Road, Wigton.....)
Waterside, Waverton.....)
5, Outgang Road, Aspatria.....)
Hole House, Thursby.....)
Evening Hill, Thursby (2).....) 21
Welton.....)
15, 19, 21 and 23, Union Street, Wigton.....)
Kilngate, Sebergham.....)
Railway Cottage, Rosewain.....)

Houses Closed as a result of Closing Orders or Undertakings

73, High Street, Wigton.....)
2, Winder Cottages, Blennerhasset.....)
Crossrigg, Westnewton.....)
5, Brewery Lane, Abbeytown.....)
3, Bolton-new-houses.....) 10
Church View, Westnewton.....)
Green View, Cardurnock.....)
26, West Street, Aspatria.....)
Garage Cottage, Station Road, Wigton.....)
51, High Street, Wigton.....)

TABLE SHOWING POSITION REGARDING DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

| Year | Formal applications | Cases investigated | Visits for all purposes | Applications finalised | | | |
|--------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| | | | | Owner-occupied | Tenanted | Approved expenditure | Grant paid |
| | | | | | | £. | £. |
| 1950 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1951 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 1 | - | 340 | 170 |
| 1952 | 2 | 8 | 25 | 2 | - | 400 | 200 |
| 1953 | 7 | 20 | 77 | 3 | 1 | 2,402 | 1,201 |
| 1954 | 26 | 65 | 269 | 5 | 7 | 6,399 | 3,177 |
| 1955 | 40 | 104 | 297 | 21 | 10 | 19,435 | 8,643 |
| 1956 | 24 | 76 | 257 | 25 | 18 | 28,909 | 12,263 |
| 1957 | 34 | 98 | 288 | 17 | 12 | 18,461 | 8,119 |
| 1958 | 28 | 69 | 351 | 13 | 9 | 14,152 | 5,659 |
| 1959 | 30 | 91 | 282 | 15 | 8 | 20,761 | 7,093 |
| 1960 | 31 | 73 | 293 | 22 | 11 | 24,567 | 10,280 |
| 1961 | 34 | 108 | 346 | 9 | 10 | 14,417 | 6,249 |
| 1962 | 26 | 62 | 280 | 21 | 11 | 26,478 | 10,595 |
| Totals | 285 | 781 | 2,776 | 154 | 97 | £176,721 | £73,649 |

SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT
BY WAY OF DISCRETIONARY GRANTS DURING THE YEAR

| | |
|---|----|
| Conversions to water carriage system..... | 17 |
| By way of septic tanks..... | 15 |
| Connections to Council's sewers..... | 2 |
| New drains laid..... | 29 |
| Water closets provided..... | 30 |
| Washbasins and sinks provided..... | 30 |
| New ranges and grates provided..... | 26 |
| Hot water laid on..... | 27 |
| Electricity installations..... | 18 |
| Additional bedrooms provided..... | 7 |
| Kitchens provided..... | 16 |
| Kitchens improved..... | 11 |
| Bathrooms built..... | 14 |
| Bathrooms converted from other accommodation..... | 16 |
| New floors laid..... | 23 |
| Windows enlarged..... | 13 |
| Food stores provided..... | 25 |
| Rooms heightened..... | 2 |
| Dampness remedied..... | 29 |

TABLE SHOWING POSITION REGARDING STANDARD GRANTS

| | <u>1959</u> | <u>1960</u> | <u>1961</u> | <u>1962</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Applications approved..... | 104 | 37 | 72 | 36 |
| Applications finalised..... | 4 | 108 | 28 | 68 |
| Baths..... | 4 | 19 | 26 | 21 |
| Wash-hand basins..... | 4 | 107 | 26 | 66 |
| Hot water supply..... | 1 | 8 | 22 | 17 |
| Water closets..... | 4 | 19 | 22 | 20 |
| Food stores..... | 3 | 9 | 17 | 15 |
| Cost of works..... | £938 | £5,034 | £6,905 | £6,237 |
| Maximum grant payable..... | £385 | £2,460 | £3,423 | £3,080 |
| Grant paid..... | £314 | £2,145 | £2,959 | £2,716 |

APPLICANTS REHOUSED

| | From private houses to | | Exchanges and Transfers to | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | New Houses | Existing Houses | New Houses | Existing Houses |
| Abbeytown..... | - | 4 | - | - |
| Aspatia - houses..... | - | 8 | - | 3 |
| Fletchertown..... | - | 1 | - | - |
| Kirkbride..... | - | 3 | - | - |
| Oulton..... | - | 1 | - | - |
| Silloth - houses..... | - | 8 | - | 6 |
| Thursby - houses..... | - | 1 | - | - |
| Thursby - bungalows..... | - | - | - | 1 |
| Westnewton..... | - | 1 | - | - |
| Wigton - houses..... | 18 | 5 | - | 6 |
| Wigton - bungalows..... | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Wigton - partial dependency dwellings..... | 17 | - | 3 | - |
| Totals..... | 44 | 36 | 4 | 17 |

SUMMARY OF INFORMAL NOTICES SERVED

| | <u>Served</u> | <u>Complied with</u> |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|
| Public Health Act, 1936..... | 54 | 43 |
| Housing Act, 1957..... | 4 | 4 |
| Food and Drugs Act, 1955..... | 2 | 28 |
| Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949..... | - | 1 |
| Factories Acts, 1937/59..... | 3 | 4 |
| Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959..... | - | 4 |
| | <hr/> 63 | <hr/> 84 |

PARTICULARS OF VEHICLES IN REGULAR SERVICE

| Date of Purchase | Registration Letters | Type | Miles covered in year | m.p.g. | Fuel |
|------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| 7.3.58 | VAO | Karrier Bantam 7½ cubic yard refuse vehicle | 8,673 | 15.05 | Diesel |
| 7.9.59 | YRM | Karrier Bantam 12-15 cubic yard refuse vehicle | 10,460 | 13.66 | Diesel |
| 10.3.61 | DRM | Karrier Gamecock 18 cubic yard refuse vehicle | 7,415 | 9.81 | Diesel |
| 10.7.61 | FAO | Karrier Gamecock 18 cubic yard refuse vehicle | 8,201 | 11.67 | Diesel |
| 1.7.56 | SAO | Austin 5 cwt. van used for rodent control work | 5,080 | 39.17 | Petrol |

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED, AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

AT THE PUBLIC ABATTOIR AND PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES

| | Cattle exclud- ing Cows: | Cows: | Calves: | Sheep and Lambs: | Pigs: |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------|---------|------------------------|-------|
| Number killed (a)..... | 1171 | 22 | 2 | 3924 | 1721 |
| Number killed (b)..... | 445 | - | - | 983 | 1 |
| Total..... | 1616 | 22 | 2 | 4907 | 1722 |
| Number inspected (a)..... | 1171 | 22 | 2 | 3924 | 1721 |
| Number inspected (b)..... | 443 | - | - | 546 | - |
| Total..... | 1614 | 22 | 2 | 4470 | 1721 |
| <u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI</u> | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned ... | 2 | - | 1 | 32 | 7 |
| Percentage..... | 0.12 | - | 50.00 | 0.65 | 0.41 |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned..... | 193 | 2 | - | 70 | 62 |
| Percentage..... | 11.94 | 9.09 | - | 1.42 | 3.60 |
| <u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u> | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned.... | - | - | - | - | - |
| Percentage..... | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned..... | - | - | - | - | 52 |
| Percentage..... | - | - | - | - | 3.02 |
| <u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u> | | | | | |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned..... | 24 | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration..... | 11 | - | - | - | - |
| Generalised and totally condemned..... | - | - | - | - | - |

NOTE

(a) = work carried out at the Public Abattoir.

(b) = work carried out at Private Slaughterhouses.

PRINCIPAL GROUNDS OF CONDEMNATION OF CARCASSES AND OFFAL

AT THE PUBLIC ABATTOIR AND PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES

| | Bovine | Calves | Sheep | Pigs |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| | lbs. | lbs. | lbs. | lbs. |
| Abscess..... | 1299 | - | 36 | 72 |
| Acute enteritis..... | - | - | 66 | 98 |
| Actinomycosis..... | 121 | - | - | - |
| Ascaris Lumbricoides... | - | - | - | 102 |
| Badly bled..... | - | - | 93 | - |
| Bruising and injury.... | 60 | - | 181 | 105 |
| Cirrhosis..... | 96 | - | 4 | 6 |
| Cysticercus Bovis..... | 528 | - | - | - |
| Distomatosis..... | 901 | - | 55 | - |
| Emaciation..... | - | - | 76 | - |
| Fatty degeneration..... | - | - | - | 7 |
| Fevered..... | 400 | - | 723 | - |
| Hydated cyst..... | 32 | - | 4 | 11 |
| Inflamation..... | 13 | - | 2 | - |
| Leukaemia..... | - | - | - | 120 |
| Moribund..... | - | - | 40 | - |
| Oedema..... | - | - | 304 | 70 |
| Parasitic..... | 29 | - | 34 | 70 |
| Pericarditis..... | - | - | - | 1 |
| Pleurisy..... | 26 | - | - | 361 |
| Pneumonia..... | 20 | - | 38 | 199 |
| Septicaemia..... | 540 | - | - | - |
| Talengiectasis..... | 29 | - | - | - |
| Tuberculosis..... | - | - | - | 814 |
| Umbilical Pyaemia..... | - | 47 | - | - |
| Totals..... | 4094 | 47 | 1656 | 2036 |

PARTICULARS OF FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN
CONSUMPTION AT PLACES OTHER THAN SLAUGHTERHOUSES

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|---------|
| Canned Meat..... | 152 | lbs. |
| " Soup..... | 12 | " |
| " Milk..... | 124 | " |
| " Vegetables..... | 99 | " |
| " Fish..... | 24 | " |
| " Fruit..... | 315 | " |
| " Rice Pudding..... | 65 | " |
| Wet Fish..... | 6 | stones |
| Orange drink..... | 72 | cartons |
| Vitacup..... | 3 | lbs. |

ICE CREAM SAMPLING

| Grade | Local manu- facture by heat treat- ment method | Local manu- facture by 'cold mix' method | Local manu- facture by 'soft mix' method | Wrapped or cartoned proprietary brands |
|-------|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 15 | 5 | - | 4 |
| 2 | 2 | - | - | - |
| 3 | 1 | - | - | - |
| 4 | 1 | - | 1 | - |

MILK SAMPLING

| | Raw | Heat treated | | |
|------|------|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| | T.T. | T.T. Pasteurised | Pasteurised | Sterilised |
| Pass | 13 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| Fail | 1 | - | - | - |

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING WEIGHT OF WASTE

PAPER SALVAGED

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Tons</u> | <u>Cwts.</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1942..... | 158 | 10 |
| 1943..... | 131 | 12 |
| 1944..... | 131 | 17 |
| 1945..... | 80 | 3 |
| 1946..... | 104 | 6 |
| 1947..... | 77 | 7 |
| 1948..... | 105 | 3 |
| 1949..... | 117 | 13 |
| 1950..... | 91 | 10 |
| 1951..... | 102 | 14 |
| 1952..... | 71 | 9 |
| 1953..... | 42 | 6 |
| 1954..... | 44 | 0 |
| 1955..... | 37 | 5 |
| 1956..... | 49 | 19 |
| 1957..... | 28 | 8 |
| 1958..... | 32 | 17 |
| 1959..... | 30 | 10 |
| 1960..... | 29 | 11 |
| 1961..... | 40 | 8 |
| 1962..... | 58 | 2 |
| | <hr/> 1,565 | <hr/> 10 |

The income from the 1962 yield amounted to
£399.15s.0d.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

| | Local Auth- ority | Dwell- ing Houses (inc. Council houses) | Agric- ultural | All other (inc. Business Premises) |
|---|-------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| No. of properties in Local Authority's district..... | 88 | 5,927 | 1,151 | 1,235 |
| Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification..... | - | 11 | - | 2 |
| Number of such properties found to be infested by: Rats (Major..... | - | - | - | - |
| (Minor..... | - | 6 | - | 1 |
| Mice (Major..... | - | - | - | - |
| (Minor..... | - | 5 | - | - |
| Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act..... | 19 | - | 199 | 3 |
| Number of such properties found to be infested by: Rats (Major..... | - | - | - | - |
| (Minor..... | 15 | - | 19 | 2 |
| Mice (Major..... | - | - | - | - |
| (Minor..... | - | - | 21 | - |
| Total number of properties otherwise inspected..... | 69 | - | - | - |
| Number of such properties found to be infested by: Rats (Major..... | - | - | - | - |
| (Minor..... | - | - | - | - |
| Mice (Major..... | - | - | - | - |
| (Minor..... | - | - | - | - |
| Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections..... | 296 | 36 | 229 | 27 |
| Number of infested properties treated by the local authority..... | 15 | 11 | - | 3 |
| Total treatments carried out - including re-treatments..... | 23 | 12 | - | 4 |
| Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act..... | - | - | - | - |
| Legal proceedings..... | - | - | - | - |
| Number of 'Block control schemes carried out..... | - | | | |

